SPIDER-MEN™ II
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BENDIS
PICHELLI
PONSOR
MARVEL

A WEEK AGO.
(BE COOL. I'LL DO THE TALKING.)
UH, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE IN THIS DILAPIDATED, CREEPY WAREHOUSE WITH AN OPEN DIMENSIONAL PORTAL INTO ANOTHER WORLD, TASKMASTER?
TELL YA WHAT, SPIDER-BOYS, PISS ON OUT OF HERE AND I WON'T KILL YA.
OH! A DEAL!
CAN WE DISCUSS IT AMONGST OURSELVES?
IS THERE A TIME LIMIT?
LIKE, CAN WE COME BACK HERE TOMORROW AND TELL YOU WHAT WE DECIDED?
OH MY GOD, TWO OF THEM!
HEY! SWORD DOWN, FIFTH PLACE AT THE CRAPPY DOCTOR DOOM COSPLAY CONTEST!
AND WHEN I SAY "SWORD DOWN," I MEAN ON THE GROUND AND NOT IN ME.
OR HIM.
AW, THANKS DUDE.
THAT'S IT.
SHOULD'A DONE THIS YEARS AGO!
WAIT, WHO IS HE?
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP

WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIMEFIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

IN A DIMENSION VERY MUCH LIKE OURS, MILES MORALES WAS BITTEN BY A STOLEN, GENETICALLY ALTERED SPIDER THAT GRANTED HIM INCREDIBLE ARACHNID-LIKE POWERS. WHEN THAT DIMENSION'S PETER PARKER WAS KILLED BY THE GREEN GOBLIN, MILES CHOSE TO DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO THE LEGACY OF SPIDER-MAN AND BECAME...

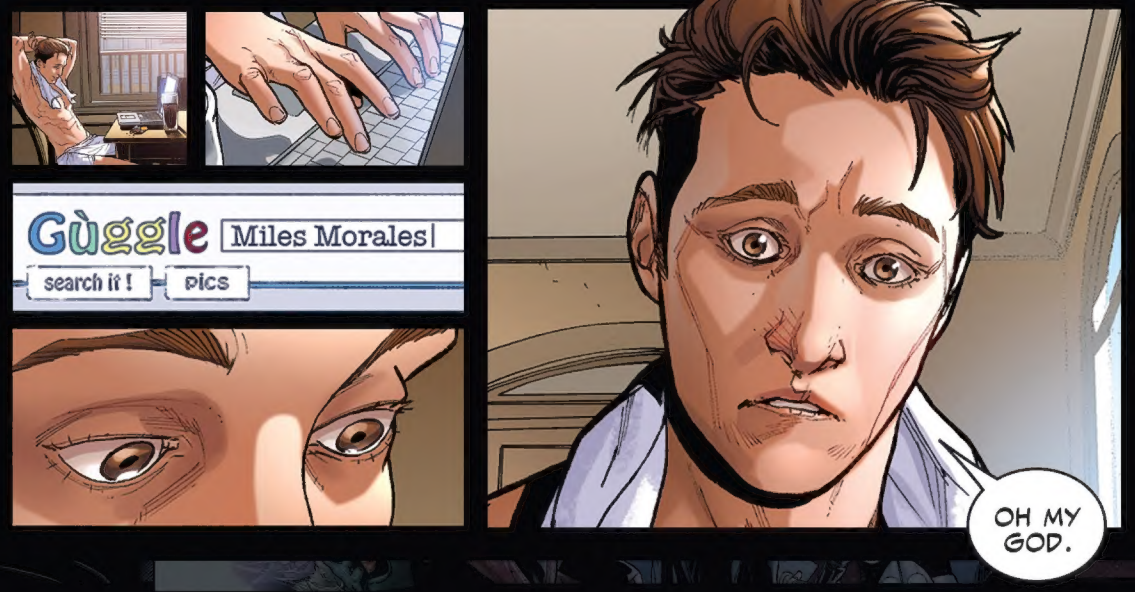
SPIDER-MAN

SPIDER-MEN II

PART TWO

BOTH SPIDER-MEN FIRST MET WHEN A VILLAIN BROKE THROUGH THE WALL BETWEEN THEIR DIMENSIONS. AT THE TIME, PETER WONDERED IF THERE WERE A MILES MORALES IN HIS WORLD. SINCE THEN, MILES AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE HE LOVES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO PETER'S UNIVERSE, WHERE HE'S CONTINUED FIGHTING CRIME AS SPIDER-MAN WITH PETER'S BLESSING.

NOW, THE REAPPEARANCE OF A DIMENSIONAL RIFT BROUGHT PETER AND MILES TO INVESTIGATE A WAREHOUSE IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE THEY RAN INTO THE ASSASSIN TASKMASTER. THE SPIDER-MEN ARE UNAWARE THIS CONFRONTATION WILL END WITH THEM ARGUING ON A BURNING AIRFIELD, WHILE THEIR EVERY MOVE IS WATCHED...BY A MAN WITH A SCARRED FACE WHO ANSWERS TO "MISTER MORALES."



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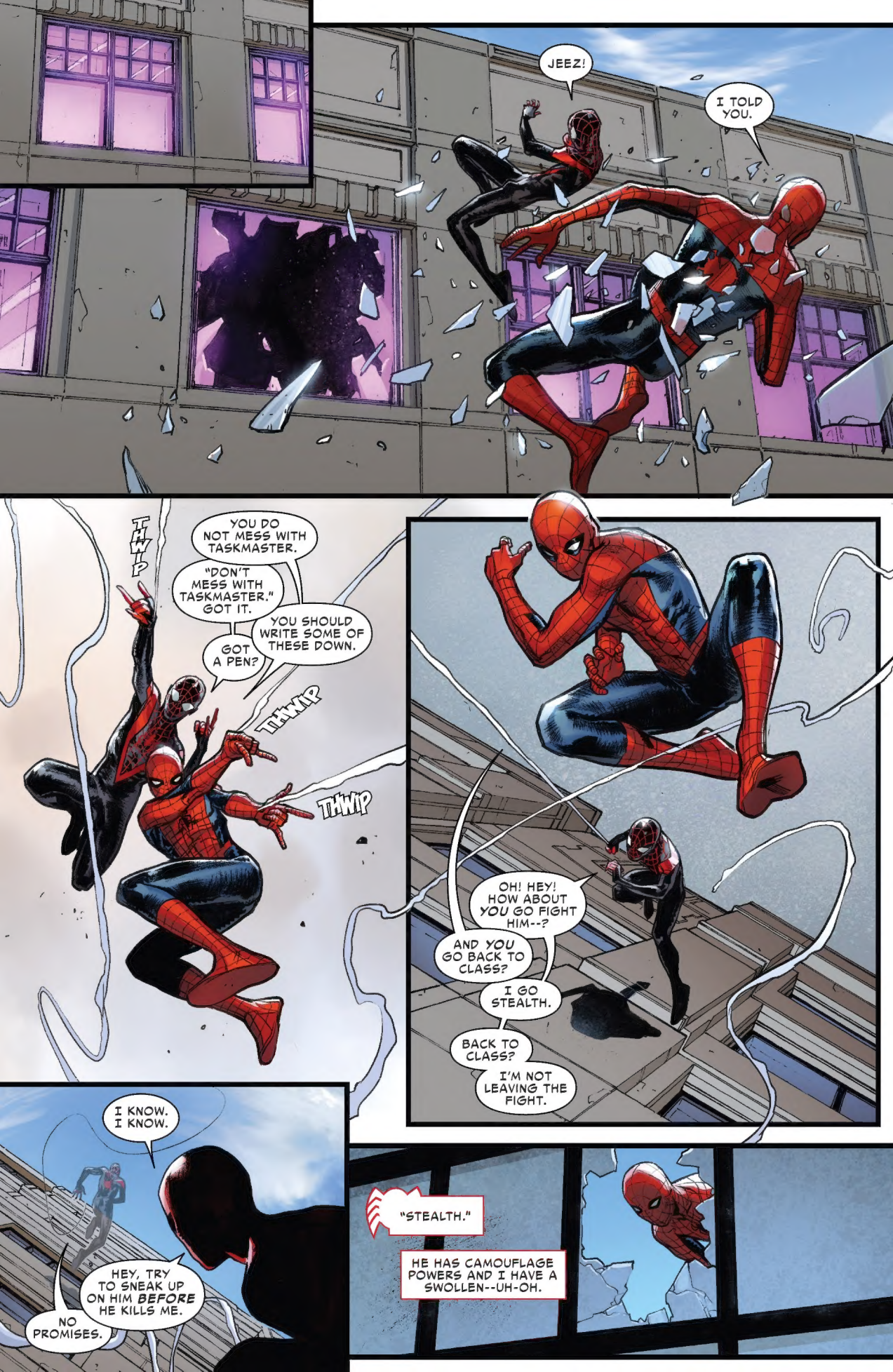
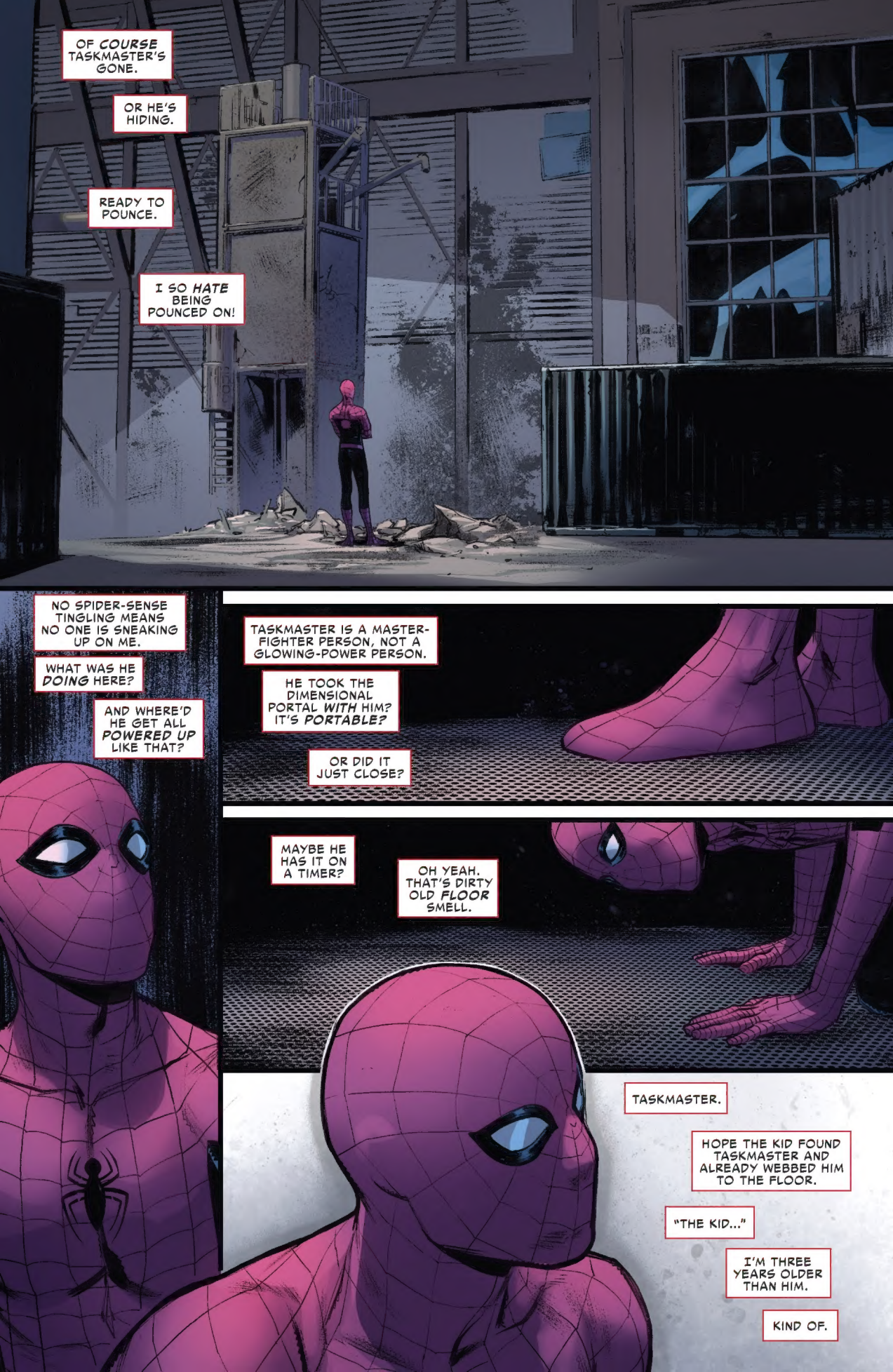
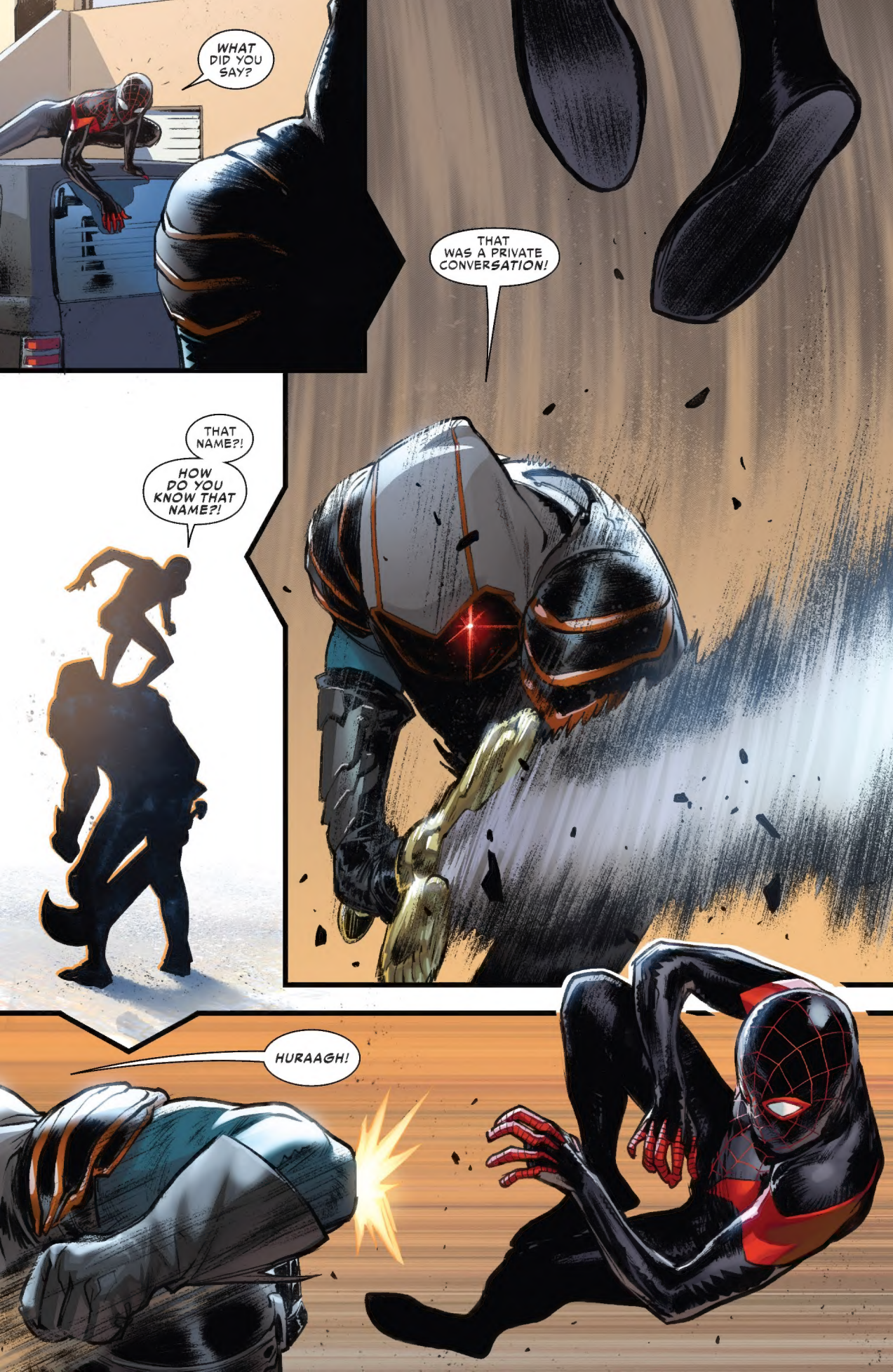

JEEZ!
I TOLD YOU.
THWIP
YOU DO NOT MESS WITH TASKMASTER.
"DON'T MESS WITH TASKMASTER." GOT IT.
YOU SHOULD WRITE SOME OF THESE DOWN.
GOT A PEN?
THWIP
THWIP
OH! HEY! HOW ABOUT YOU GO FIGHT HIM--?
AND YOU GO BACK TO CLASS?
I GO STEALTH.
BACK TO CLASS?
I'M NOT LEAVING THE FIGHT.
I KNOW. I KNOW.
HEY, TRY TO SNEAK UP ON HIM BEFORE HE KILLS ME.
NO PROMISES.
"STEALTH."
HE HAS CAMOUFLAGE POWERS AND I HAVE A SWOLLEN--UH-OH.

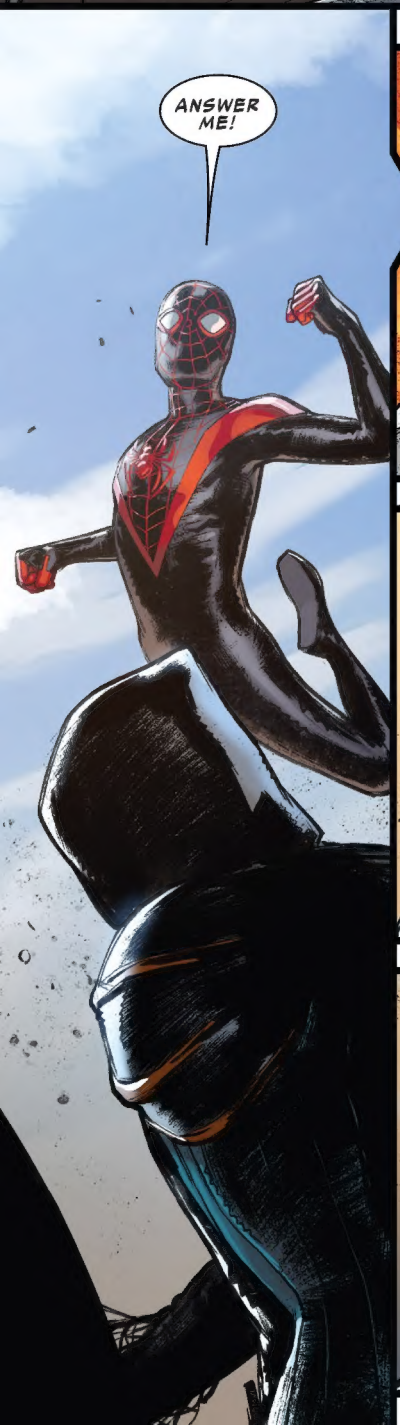

OF COURSE TASKMASTER'S GONE.
OR HE'S HIDING.
READY TO POUNCE.
I SO HATE BEING POUNCED ON!
NO SPIDER-SENSE TINGLING MEANS NO ONE IS SNEAKING UP ON ME.
WHAT WAS HE DOING HERE?
AND WHERE'D HE GET ALL POWERED UP LIKE THAT?
TASKMASTER IS A MASTER-FIGHTER PERSON, NOT A GLOWING-POWER PERSON.
HE TOOK THE DIMENSIONAL PORTAL WITH HIM? IT'S PORTABLE?
OR DID IT JUST CLOSE?
MAYBE HE HAS IT ON A TIMER?
OH YEAH. THAT'S DIRTY OLD FLOOR SMELL.
TASKMASTER.
HOPE THE KID FOUND TASKMASTER AND ALREADY WEBBED HIM TO THE FLOOR.
"THE KID..."
I'M THREE YEARS OLDER THAN HIM.
KIND OF.

CALL INCOMING. DETROIT.
PUT IT THROUGH.
IT'S ME.
NO.
NO. IT DID NOT GO ACCORDING TO PLAN.
THEN YOU TELL MILES MORALES, FROM ME, IF HE CAN'T HONOR A DEAL THEN WE HAVE NO DEAL.

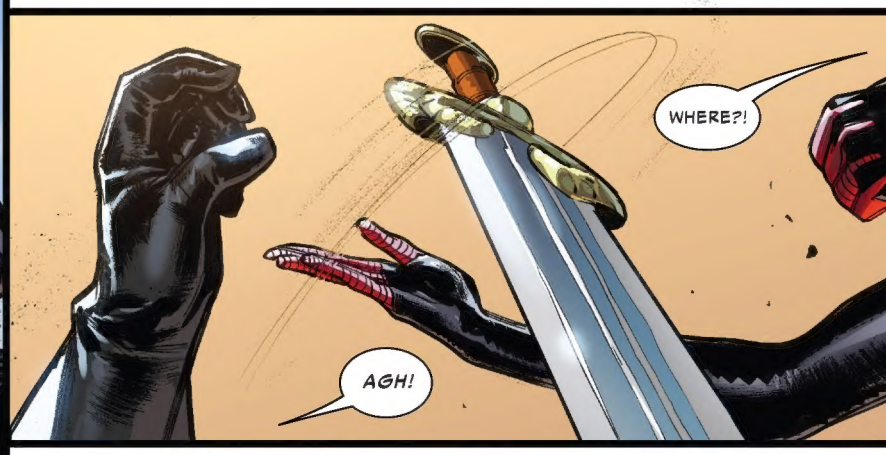

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
THAT WAS A PRIVATE CONVERSATION!
THAT NAME?!
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT NAME?!
HURAAGH!

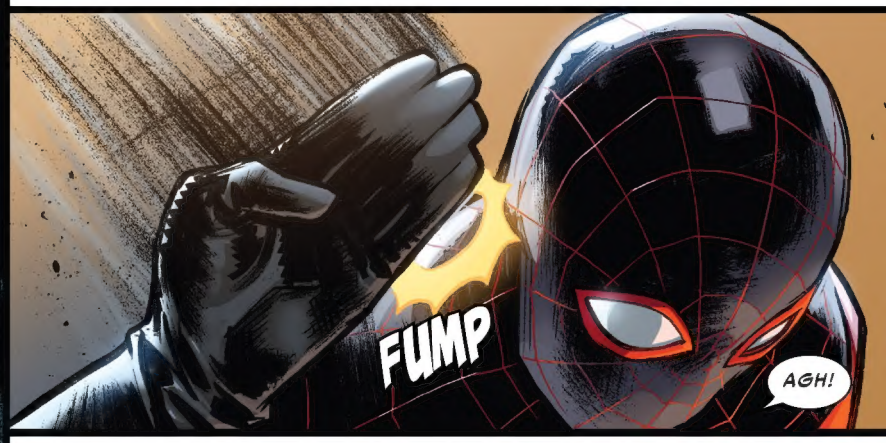
YOU STILL THERE?
NO. I'M JUST IN A FIGHT.
TELL THEM I HAVE A--

TWAP
DAMN IT!


ANSWER ME!

TANG


WHERE?!
AGH!


FUMP
AGH!

ANSWER ME OR I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOMETHING CALLED MY VENOM BLAST!
HEY!
YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW...?
GYYYAAGGHH!!!
MY SUIT'S RIGGED FOR CHUMPS LIKE YOU.
ZZZT
SPACK
YES, I JUST MISSED. I WAS AIMING FOR YOU.
BUT TO BE FAIR, HE WAS REALLY JERKING AROUND.
AGH!
FLIP

I'M MAN ENOUGH TO ADMIT THOSE ARE COOL-- OW!
STILL COOL.
STAY DOWN, I GOT IT.
YOU WEBBED MY HEAD!
NOW I HAVE IT.
HIS SUIT WAS RIGGED! MAYBE HE RIGGED HIS--
FABOOM

AGH!
CRAASSHH
AGH!
WHEATCAKES!
TASKMASTER IS GONE...
...THE EVIDENCE OF WHATEVER THIS IS IS GONE...
...MY EARS ARE RINGING...
HEY!
OW!
HE BLEW UP HIS OWN GETAWAY VEHICLE TO MAKE HIS GETAWAY?
I TOLD YOU: DON'T MESS WITH THE--
"TASKMASTER." I SHOULD HAVE WRITTEN IT DOWN.
HEY, SO NO ONE HAS TO *KNOW* I WEBBED YOU IN THE FACE BECAUSE, REALLY, WHOSE BUSINESS IS IT REALLY--
HE SAID MY NAME.
WHAT?

HE SAID MY REAL NAME.
HE WAS TALKING TO SOMEONE ELSE AND HE SAID TO TELL MILES MORALES THAT THE DEAL IS OFF.
HUH.
WHO WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?
I--
I DON'T KNOW.
HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MESSING WITH YOUR HEAD.
WAS THERE A MILES MORALES BEFORE I CAME HERE?
WELL, I'M SURE THERE WAS.
"MORALES" IS A VERY POPULAR NAME IN--
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
ACTUALLY, I, UH, I ONCE SEARCHED YOUR NAME ONLINE.
AFTER THE FIRST TIME WE MET, I ASKED MYSELF THE SAME QUESTION...
I WONDERED IF THERE WAS A YOU HERE.
AND?
COPS ARE ON THE WAY, LET'S GET SOME AIR.

I DID A SEARCH AND... NOTHING.
"NOTHING" AS IN: NOT A DAMN THING.
WHAT DOES THAT *MEAN?* "NOTHING."
POLICE
I MEAN NOTHING LIKE YOU OR ME OR US OR SPIDERS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
NOTHING I COULD TELL.
STARKLE YOURSELF... SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND.
BUT HE *SAID* MY NAME.
YOU KNOW, THERE'S ALL KINDS OF TRICKS THAT HE COULD HAVE USED OR MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, YOU JUST HAD A LITTLE MOMENT.
MAYBE YOU *THOUGHT* YOU HEARD *MILES MORALES* BUT WHAT HE *REALLY* SAID WAS: *SMILE MORE... AT US.*
NO?
MAYBE?
MAYBE.
I'LL TELL S.H.I.E.L.D. SOMETHING FISHY IS GOING ON WITH TASKMASTER AND THIS BUILDING AGAIN.
THAT WAS JUST WEIRD.
TOTALLY.
WE'LL FIGURE THE REST OF IT OUT.

BROOKLYN VISIONS ACADEMY.
SIX DAYS AGO.

HEY, MILES...

BARBARA RODRIGUEZ.

YOU OKAY?

I SAW YOU OUT HERE BEING A SULLEN, BROODING TEENAGER AND I WAS COMPELLED TO COME OUT BECAUSE I WAS RAISED ON *TWILIGHT* MOVIES.

UH...

YOU EVER ONLINE SEARCH YOURSELF?

OH, GOD NO.

I DID.

WHY?

I WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.

WHAT? YOUR CREDIT SCORE?

YOU KNOW, NOW THAT I'M TRYING TO SAY THE WORDS OUT LOUD--I DON'T KNOW.

WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR--IT WASN'T THERE.

WHAT *DID* YOU FIND?

THAT MY "FRIEND" JUDGE LIKES TO TALK SMACK ABOUT ME ON SOCIAL.

HE TALKS SMACK ABOUT YOU IN THE LUNCHROOM.

I *THOUGHT* WE WERE FRIENDS.

HE LOVES YOU. HE'S JUST HURT YOU DON'T PLAY WITH HIM ANYMORE.

TAKE HIM TO A MOVIE.

AND STOP STARKLE-ING YOURSELF.

HEY, WOULD, UH, *YOU* LIKE TO GO TO A MOVIE?

WITH ME.

(IF I WASN'T CLEAR...)

BZZZT

BZZZT

OH, HOLD ON...

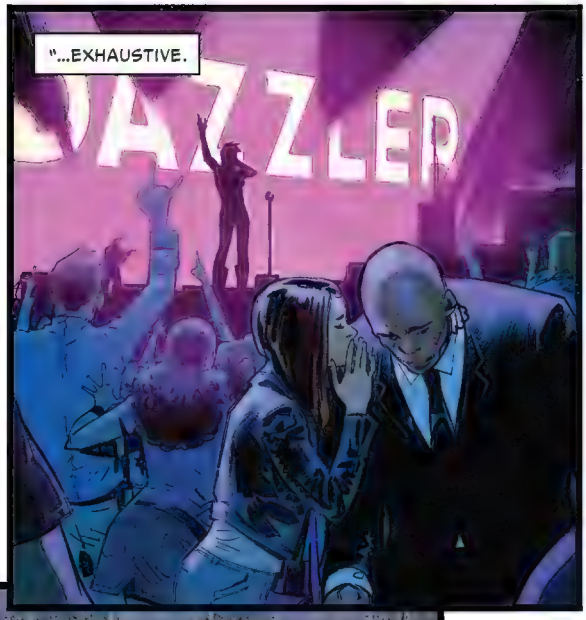
IS THAT YOUR WIFE?

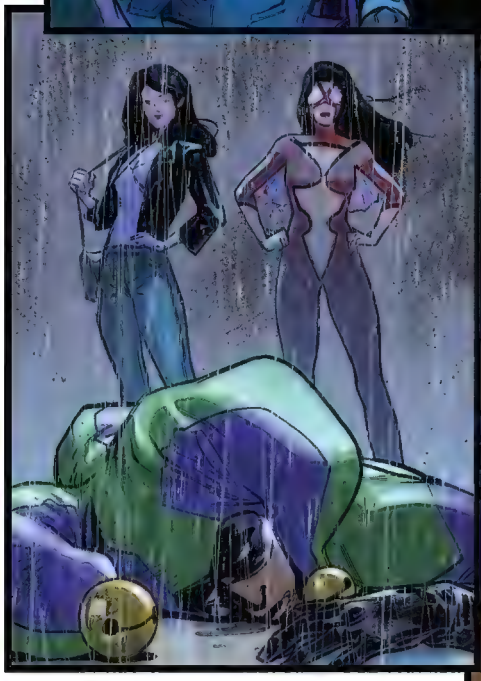
WAR AND PEACE

PP: Hey, what are you doing for lunch tomorrow? I have a surprise.

FIVE DAYS AGO.
HEY, MILES!
LOOK AT ME, LOOK AT YOU, LOOK AT US!
WHAT ARE YOU WEARING, MR. PARKER?
MY CLOTHES.
THIS IS WHAT YOU WEAR AS PETER PARKER?
UH-HUH.
AND I PLUM FORGOT MY BACKPACK.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY BACKPACK?
NOTHING.
IT'S JUST MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE AWARE THAT SOCIETY SAYS THERE IS A CERTAIN AGE YOU KIND OF HAVE TO STOP WEARING THEM.
YOU THINK I LOOK LIKE A BABY PERSON?
HONESTLY, I'LL STOP. I'M JEALOUS. I MISS MY COSTUME-HOLDING BACKPACK.
IS THIS WHY YOU CALLED ME HERE? TO SHOW OFF YOUR SPRINGTIME COLLECTION?
FOLLOW ME.
WE HAVE A MYSTERY ON OUR HANDS, YOUNG SQUIRE.
WE NEED SOMEONE WHO SOLVES MYSTERIES.
WE NEED A DETECTIVE.
AND AS IT JUST SO HAPPENS, IN THE SMALL-WORLD DEPARTMENT, I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH ONE.
ALIAS
INVESTIGATIONS

MILES MORALES, MEET JESSICA JONES.
WE'VE MET.
THAT WE HAVE.
YOU *HAVE?*
PEOPLE DO MEET.
I REALLY DON'T LIKE WHEN PEOPLE DO THINGS THAT DON'T INCLUDE ME.
AND NOT JUST PEOPLE I KNOW. EVERYBODY. THE POPE. THE WATCHER. WONDER WOMAN.
SHE'S MARRIED TO LUKE CAGE.
BIG DEAL. I COULD'VE MARRIED LUKE CAGE IF I APPLIED MYSELF.
ANYWAY. WHAT A SMALL WORLD.
PETER PARKER, OF ALL PEOPLE, CALLS ME OUT OF THE BLUE, HIRES ME TO DO A LITTLE SEARCHING AROUND FOR YOU.
HE TOLD ME TO LOOK INTO ANYTHING RELATED TO YOUR NAMESAKE AND "BAD STUFF."
HEY, THANKS FOR DOING THAT.
I COULD TELL IT WAS BOTHERING YOU *AND* CLEARLY WE HAVE STEPPED INTO SOMETHING...
...I WANT TO SAY *NEFARIOUS* BUT NO ONE ACTUALLY USES THAT WORD.
SO I STARTED SNIFFING AROUND AND...
...I WON'T BORE YOU WITH THE DETAILS BUT THE SEARCH WAS...


"...EXHAUSTIVE.
DAZZLER



"AND I FOUND..."

...NOTHING.
NOTHING?
A LOT OF NOTHING.
I LOOKED UNDER ALL THE ROCKS AND EVEN CALLED IN A FAVOR AND SNUCK ONTO S.H.I.E.L.D.'S SERVER TO TAKE A PEEK AT THEIR FILES ON YOU...
...YOU ARE THE ONLY MILES MORALES UNDER S.H.I.E.L.D. SCRUTINY.
BUT THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE SPIDER-POWERS.
TOTALLY NORMAL FOR S.H.I.E.L.D. TO BE SCARED OF YOU.
NO OTHER MILES MORALES?
NOT ACCORDING TO THEM.
WHICH, CONSIDERING IT'S THEIR JOB TO KNOW THESE THINGS...
KID, REALLY, HE COULD HAVE BEEN PSYCHICALLY MESSING WITH YOU.
THERE WAS THIS ONE TIME THAT MYSTERIO TOTALLY CONVINCED ME I WAS REALLY A PRETTY--
YEAH, YEAH.
THERE ARE PSYCHICS. MENTAL MANIPULATION.
IT'S NOT FUN.
BUT IT IS A THING.

TODAY.
GO!
GOING!

PILOT!

FARRROOOSSSHHH

AH.
THAT ALMOST MADE THIS ENTIRE THING WORTH IT.
TRUST ME, MORALES, I'VE BEEN AROUND THE BLOCK, ANY ESCAPE IN ONE PIECE IS A CLEAN ESC--
SASHEER, DO WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE AIRFIELD SECURITY CAMERA FEEDS FROM HERE?
AH, THANK YOU.
JUST TOUCH WHICH FEED YOU WANT AND--
YES, YES.
4GB

2:46:15
ANYTHING INTERESTING?
THAT ALMOST BECAME SOMETHING I HAVE FOUGHT MY ENTIRE LIFE TO AVOID.
I GET THAT, MORALES, BUT--
GO BACK THERE AND KILL THEM BOTH.
KILL THEM BOTH OR I KILL YOU.
CAN I BE MORE CLEAR?
TO BE CONTINUED...

SPIDER-MEN II

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